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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 17, 2002, Applicant submits herewith a copy of a communication from the European Patent Office dated December 30, 2003 with respect to counterpart application No. EP 01 12 7877, which comprises a Partial European Search Report, in which the European Examiner cited the following documents:

U.S. Patent No. 5,872,850 to KLEIN et al., which issued on February 16, 1999.

Master of Science Thesis by SHETH, "A Learning Approach to Personalized Information Filtering," published February 1994, XP002178871, retrieved September 28, 2001 from www.media.mit.edu/groups/agents/publications/sheth-thesis.pdf.

K. LANG, "NewsWeeder: Learning to Filter Netnews," Machine Learning.

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Proceedings of the International Conference, XX, XX. Published on July 9, 1995, on pages 331-339, XP002046557.

U.S. Patent No. 6,076,082 to KINDO, which issued on June 13, 2000;

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the European Examiner applying European rules to the European claims, are set forth in the European Search Report.


Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the above-cited documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. A copy of the Partial European Search Report has also been attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet been issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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